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SUBJ: VISIT OF VICE PREMIER TRAN VAN DON

1. I WENT TO THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING TO SEE TRAN VAN DON, WHO IS AN OLD FRIEND, AS HE PASSED THROUGH ON THE PARIS-SAIGON FLIGHT. DON STATED THAT HE PLANNED TO RETURN TO VIENTIANE SHORTLY QTE INCOGNITO UNQTE TO ASSESS SITUATION HERE WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS THE ONLY SENSIBLE RESOLUTION TO THE INDOCHINA WAR. HE MURMURED TO ME THAT THE LAO PATH WAS OBVIOUSLY THE ONE FOR HIS COUNTRY TO TAKE AND THAT THEY SHOULD GET ONTO IT SOON. HE SAID HE WOULD OF COURSE WANT TO SEE ME FOR A LONG TALK WHEN HE CAME BACK.

2. I SAID I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO SEE HIM BUT EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM REGARDING THE DESIRABILITY OF HIS COMING HERE SECRETLY. I TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS TOO WELL KNOWN IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD TO GET AWAY WITH THAT SORT OF THING.
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